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Applicants: SEUL, Michael
Serial No.: 09/688,573
Filed: October 17, 2000
For: **LIGHT-CONTROLLED ELECTROKINETIC ASSEMBLY OF PARTICLES NEAR SURFACES**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS :

Please cancel claims 1 to 17, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 18 to 51 as follows:

17 18. (New) An apparatus comprising :
a first electrode positioned in a first plane and a second electrode positioned in a

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